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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

LOUIS WILKINS,

No. C 14-00788 RS

Plaintiff,

**CASE MANAGEMENT** SCHEDULING ORDER

HSBC CONSOLIDATED HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN and HSBC NORTH AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC.,

Defendants.

Pursuant to Rule 16(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the parties attended a Case Management Conference on August 21, 2014. After considering the Joint Case Management Statement submitted by the parties and consulting with the attorneys of record for the parties and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE. The parties are hereby REFERRED to a randomly assigned Magistrate Judge for the purpose of engaging in a settlement conference, to take place, ideally, within the next 90 days.

2. DISCOVERY. 1

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To the extent that limited discovery is warranted, all such discovery must be completed on or before September 30, 2014.

## 3. DISCOVERY DISPUTES.

Discovery disputes will be referred to a Magistrate Judge. After the parties have met and conferred, the parties shall prepare a joint letter of not more than 8 pages explaining the dispute. Up to 12 pages of attachments may be added. The joint letter must be electronically filed under the Civil Events category of "Motions and Related Filings > Motions--General > Discovery Letter Brief." The Magistrate Judge to whom the matter is assigned will advise the parties of how that Judge intends to proceed. The Magistrate Judge may issue a ruling, order more formal briefing, or set a telephone conference or a hearing. After a Magistrate Judge has been assigned, all further discovery matters shall be filed pursuant to that Judge's procedures.

- 4. PRETRIAL MOTIONS. All dispositive pretrial motions must be filed and served pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7. Each party is limited to one motion for summary judgment absent leave of Court. All pretrial motions shall be heard no later than December 18, 2014.
  - 5. BENCH TRIAL.
  - A. On or before March 26, 2015, the parties will file their opening trial briefs.
  - B. On or before April 9, 2015, the parties will file their responsive briefs.
- C. A bench trial shall be held on **April 23, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.** in Courtroom 3, 17th Floor, United States Courthouse, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 21, 2014

RICHARD SEEBORG United States District Judge